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Dear Ms. Desai:

Re: Monthly Progress Report - April 2012
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property Operable Unit No. 7
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site
Allegan and Kalamazoo County

As required by Task 8, Progress Reports in the Statement of Work of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, please find attached three copies of the Progress Report No. 66 for the period of April 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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Progress Report No. 66
April 1, 2012 to April 30, 2012

Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property
Plainwell, Michigan

This progress report is being submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in accordance with Task 8: Progress Reports and the Schedule for Major Deliverables contained in the Statement of Work for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit No. 4 and the Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property (Site) Operational Unit No. 7 of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree), which became effective February 22, 2005.

1. Work Performed

- Submittal of responses to U.S. EPA's November 23, 2011 comments on the Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) and Screening Level Ecological Assessment (SLERA) portions of the Remedial Investigation (RI) Report and February 17, 2012 comments on the RI Report on April 20, 2012.
- Submittal of revised RI report, including a Toxicity Reference Value Technical Memorandum associated with the SLERA, on April 20, 2012.
- Submittal of an updated RI/FS schedule on April 27, 2012.
- Continued development of a work plan for additional RI investigation activities.

2. Data Received

- Receipt of initial sample results from soil samples collected in support of redevelopment activities in the vicinity of MW-16 on March 29, 2012 to define the nature and extent of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) identified in soil during the RI. Based on the initial results, additional sample analysis was requested and analytical data is anticipated in May.

3. Modifications to Work Plans or Other Schedules
Proposed to, or Approved by, the U.S. EPA

- The April 27, 2012 schedule proposed that Task 5: Identification of Remedial Action Objectives and Task 6: Development and Screening of Remedial Alternatives of the Statement of Work for the Site be incorporated into Task 7: Feasibility Study.

4. Problems Encountered and Planned Resolution

- None.

5. Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period

- Submittal of work plan for additional RI investigation activities.

- Receipt and data validation of soil samples collected in the vicinity of MW-16 on March 29, 2012 to define the nature and extent of PCBs identified in soil during the RI.
- Conference call with U.S. EPA, SulTRAC, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Weyerhaeuser, and CRA on May 7, 2012 regarding activities conducted on the Site during utility installation activities by Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) contractors in March and April 2012.
- Excavation and verification sampling associated with impacts identified in soil samples from TP-203 in Commercial Area 4 in support of redevelopment activities.

6. Anticipated Development with Work during the Next Period

- None.

7. Other Relevant Information

- Activities were conducted on the Site by the MDOT, Michigan Gas Utilities, and contractors on behalf of the City of Plainwell in support of redevelopment during the month of April 2012. Activities included the initiation of installation and/or realignment of storm sewer and natural gas lines, and demolition of portions of the Mill Buildings.